

Ibn Ali sets polls for April

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia will hold presidential and parliamentary elections April 9 next year, President Zine El Abidine Ibn Ali said Monday. Ibn Ali made the announcement in a speech to parliament marking the first anniversary of the day he deposed Habib Bourguiba on grounds of senility. Earlier Monday, the leaders of Tunisia's six recognised political parties, trade unionists and a representative of the unrecognised Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI) signed a national pact enshrining the principle of multiparty democracy (see page 5). The presidential elections will be the first since 1974, when Bourguiba stood unopposed for a fourth successive term. In 1975 the National Assembly (parliament) elected him president for life. The present parliament, elected under Bourguiba, could have continued until November 1991. Ibn Ali had already promised parliamentary elections in 1989. By-elections were due early next year and many politicians said they would prefer not to fight by-elections only months before the country went to the polls again.

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Development talks conclude

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-day seminar on development in the Maan-Karak-Tafilah region continued late into Monday and was expected to issue recommendations Monday night. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan chaired part of Monday's meetings and emphasised the need to set up a development council drawn from representatives of the various major sectors in the districts to organise cooperation between development organisations and the local administrations in the three southern governorates of Maan, Karak and Tafilah. The seminar, which began Sunday, had formed six sectoral committees — on tourism, local councils, environment, industry, transport, agriculture and social affairs — and these were holding meetings Sunday and Monday. In an opening address to the meeting Sunday, the Crown Prince emphasised the need for the public and private sectors to focus more on developing the desert areas which form a good part of Jordan.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Pretoria cools Mandela speculation

CAPE TOWN (R) — Speculation that Nelson Mandela, the world's best known political prisoner, would be freed on Monday spiralled to dizzy heights but was deflated within hours. Rumours over the release of 70-year-old Mandela were fuelled when his wife Winnie travelled from Johannesburg to the Cape Town clinic where he is being treated for tuberculosis. But a spokesman for the prisons service gave a firm "No" when asked about the rumours.

Senegal resumes ties with Libya

DAKAR (R) — Senegal has renewed diplomatic relations with Libya, officials said Monday. Dakar severed ties with Tripoli in July 1980 accusing it of holding 21 Senegalese hostage during Libya's desert border war with its neighbour Chad.

Yugoslavia seeks project in Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — Yugoslavia wants to play a major role in Iraq's post-war reconstruction, a senior Yugoslav diplomat said Monday. He said visiting Yugoslav Minister of Foreign Trade Nenad Krekic had discussed ways to enhance cooperation between the two countries with deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan and senior Iraqi officials.

Greek public order minister resigns

ATHENS (R) — Greece's Public Order Minister Anastassios Seliotis resigned Monday as police searched for the man at the centre of a banking scandal which has rocked the country. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu accepted Seliotis's resignation, a government spokesman said. Police searched the office and house of Greek-American banker and publisher George Koskotas, 35, who has been charged with embezzlement, forgery and obstructing state investigators in connection with the Bank of Crete.

Sikh gunmen kill army general

CHANDIGARH (AP) — Sikh gunmen shot and killed an Indian army general in Punjab Monday after five days of Sikh separatist violence left at least 78 people dead in the north Indian state, police said. Major-General B.N. Kumar was shot in the head by two Sikh gunmen as he left his home in Chandigarh to go to his office, a police spokesman said.

Iran, Britain to resume talks

NICOSIA (R) — An Iranian delegation left for Vienna Monday to resume talks with British officials on restoring full diplomatic relations, Tehran Radio reported. Diplomats from the two countries held three days of negotiations in Geneva in early October and the British Foreign Office reported some progress. Tehran said the British asked for a recess to consult senior officials in London.

U.N. soldiers wounded in shootout

BEIRUT (AP) — A Fijian soldier of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was wounded in a shootout Monday with Shi'ite militiamen, U.N. sources said. They said the peacekeeper suffered two bullet wounds in the chest fired from an AK-47 automatic rifle. He was shot in a 20-minute firefight with six gunmen of the Amal militia in the village of 'Ain Baal.

Hirohito's vital signs stabilise

TOKYO (AP) — Emperor Hirohito's vital signs stabilised Monday, a day after his most serious loss of blood since he fell ill seven weeks ago, an imperial palace spokesman said. Another official said the monarch's condition was gradually worsening. The 87-year-old Hirohito, who has been given almost daily blood transfusions since he first coughed up blood Sept. 19, received 2,200 cubic centimetres in emergency blood transfusions Sunday, spokesman Kenji Maeda said.

Iranian minister briefs UAE

ABU DHABI (R) — Deputy Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati briefed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Monday on the peace talks with Iraq, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported. He quoted Besharati as saying he told UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi about the Geneva talks and efforts to implement U.N. Security Council ceasefire Resolution 598. Besharati, who arrived in Abu Dhabi from Oman Sunday for a three-day visit, said he would also visit Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

Mitterrand to visit Algeria next week

PARIS (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand will go ahead with a planned visit to Algeria next Monday despite recent political upheaval there, Foreign Minister Roland Dumas told reporters Monday.

10 killed in French train crash

EPERNAY, France (AP) — A Luxembourg-to-Paris express train struck a maintenance wagon Monday in a small village station in northeastern France, derailling the locomotive and nine passenger cars and killing 10 people, officials said. The Paris-bound train, carrying about 400 passengers, crashed as it was passing through at a village just outside Epernay about 140 kilometres east of Paris. Only two cars remained on the tracks. The maintenance car was sitting on a service track, and it was not immediately clear why the passenger train was shunted that way, rather than kept on the main line through the station. Officials at the prefecture in Epernay said in a statement that 10 people were killed, including nine railroad employees working on track maintenance.

Khaddam arrives in Algeria

ALGIERS (R) — Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam arrived in Algiers Monday saying he had come for an exchange of views with Algerian leaders on Middle East developments. The national press agency APS quoted him as saying that he carried a letter from President Hafez Al Assad to Algerian President Chadli Benjedid dealing with the Arab situation and issues of mutual interest.

Anti-locust meeting opens in Tehran

NICOSIA (R) — Iran is well prepared to combat an invasion of locusts, Tehran radio quoted Agriculture Minister Issa Kahanfari as saying Monday. The radio said he was opening a meeting in Tehran, attended by representatives from India, Iran, Pakistan and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), on ways to fight locusts and prevent them devastating crops.

Haiti's alleged cocaine colonel dies

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — A once powerful Haitian army colonel indicted in the United States on cocaine trafficking charges died Sunday of suspected poisoning at his home in the capital, a police spokesman said Monday. Colonel Jean-Claude Paul, 49, was seized by violent convulsions and died Sunday afternoon eating soup at a luxury home in the hillside suburb of Laboule, radio stations reported.

Gulf talks resume after 1-day break

GENEVA (R) — Iran and Iraq Monday were to embark on a second week of talks aimed at securing a permanent peace settlement but with their positions on key issues still wide apart.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who returned to New York at the weekend after chairing a week of apparently fruitless negotiations, said before leaving he had told his representative to report to him no later than Nov. 16.

This gives Sweden's U.N. envoy Jan Eliasson, who was scheduled to chair a full ministerial session in the afternoon, little over a week in which to achieve progress on a troop withdrawal and an exchange of prisoners.

Despite a warning from Perez de Cuellar that the Aug. 20 ceasefire was fragile and that concessions were needed the two countries appear entrenched in their positions on these two key issues. Iraq has suggested an immediate release and repatriation of an

estimated 100,000 prisoners of war (PoWs), saying this was a pressing humanitarian issue which should be considered separately from the peace talks.

Iran has responded by saying it is ready to repatriate some 1,500 wounded PoWs but has refused a major exchange until Iraq withdraws its troops from occupied Iranian territory.

"Withdrawal is the key element for progress," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told reporters before Sunday's one-day break in the talks.

The troop withdrawal and PoW issues emerged as the latest obstacles to success in the negotiations which began Aug. 25, five days after a U.N.-brokered ceasefire ended eight years of fighting.

The two sides clashed early in the talks on Iraq's demand that the Shatt Al Arab waterway, its only access to the sea, be cleared of war debris and made navigable again.

Royal Decree approves Labour Law amendment

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Royal Decree was issued Monday endorsing a recent amendment to the Labour Law, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Petra said the amendment, which allows for levying annual fees from non-Jordanian workers in the Kingdom, is as under: — JD 100 for every Arab working in sectors other than agriculture;

— JD 10 for every Arab working in the agricultural sector;

— JD 300 for every non-Arab working in sectors except agriculture and nursing;

— JD 50 for every non-Arab working in the agriculture sector and nursing.

The amendment also states that fines related to foreign workers are the minimum and cannot be reduced for any reason.

Arab kills W. Bank settlement guard Israeli troops kill Palestinian woman, shoot and wound 18

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers Monday shot and killed a 20-year-old Palestinian woman and 18 other Palestinians were wounded in clashes with the occupation forces in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A Palestinian stabbed to death an Israeli soldier guarding a Jewish settlement in northern West Bank Monday before being chased and shot dead by an Israeli settler.

Monday's deaths raised the death toll since the start of the Palestinian uprising to 318 Palestinians. The Moshav guard was the second soldier and the 11th Israeli to die in the anti-occupation revolt.

The 21-year-old attacker approached the Massua settlement soldier about 9 a.m., pulled out a knife and "stabbed him repeatedly, at least a dozen times," an army spokesman said.

According to the Israeli version, an army reservist who lives in the settlement, ran to get his gun and opened fire at the assailant.

According to the army spokes-

man, the attacker had worked at the settlement and was angry that he had not received 170 shekels (about \$100) in back pay. There was no immediate confirmation of this version.

The settlers said he attacked the soldier after being asked for additional identification.

The Palestinian was identified from his papers as Ahmad Hussein Abdullah Basharat from the village of Tamouh, near Jenin.

Seven Palestinians, among them five women, were wounded when soldiers were pelted with stones as they entered the village of Kafir Salem near Nablus, officials at Al Itihad hospital said.

Reached by telephone at the hospital, a Salem resident who demanded anonymity said he saw the body of a 20-year-old woman who was killed in the demonstration. He identified the woman as Ismat Jamil Mahmoud Stiyeh and said she was shot in the head and stomach.

The family took the woman's body from the scene and bid it to prevent the army performing an autopsy.

Army spokesmen said soldiers

went on the "offensive" against Palestinian protesters in dozens of localities in the occupied territories.

In Gaza, six Palestinians ranging in age from 16 to 29 were shot in clashes in Gaza City and the nearby Jabalia and Shati refugee camps.

Five other Palestinians were shot in the West Bank city of Nablus after a march demanding the opening of schools closed by the army.

Soldiers clamped a curfew on central Ramallah after a petrol bomb was thrown at an army patrol, Palestinians said.

In Jericho, the army defended its destruction of a house against Palestinian charges it belonged to a suspect in a petrol-bomb attack who was later cleared of involvement and freed.

The army, which destroys houses as "punishment" even before bringing suspects to trial, said a Palestinian still in custody had lived there.

In the town of Taibe, police fired tear-gas to disperse hundreds of demonstrators protesting

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China quake toll tops 600

PEKING (Agencies) — A powerful earthquake in a remote mountain jungle of southern China killed or wounded some 600 people, the state-run China International Broadcasting Station said Monday.

The station said it did not have a breakdown of the casualties from Sunday's quake, which measured 7.6 on the Richter scale. It was followed by dozens of aftershocks that continued through Monday, the strongest measuring 7.2.

The casualty figure could not immediately be independently confirmed. The state seismology bureau in Peking, which earlier reported 18 killed and 54 injured, said it had no new information.

China's official Xinhua news agency had said at least 37 were dead and more than 100 injured. Telephone service was cut off to

the affected region, in Yunnan province near the Burmese border.

Chinese radio said 36 tremors had struck the remote region since Sunday, badly damaging homes in more than 10 towns, with devastation worst in Banmapuo.

A report from the stricken area said communications had been cut initially but had been restored in most affected areas by Monday morning.

Soldiers from the People's Liberation Army and government officials were rushed to help the rescue.

Officials at the main seismological centre in Peking said they had not received any recent reports of casualties.

Earlier, the New China News Agency put the death toll at 37. It also said the quake injured more

than 100 people and destroyed over 70 per cent of homes at the epicentre.

China is one of the most earthquake-prone countries in the world, and seismology officials predicted in 1985 that quake activity would increase through the end of the century.

The last major earthquake was Aug. 23, 1985, when a temblor measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale killed 71 people and injured 125 in the far western Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

China's worst earthquake in modern times was the temblor measuring 7.8 that leveled the northeastern industrial city of Tangshan July 28, 1976, killing 242,000 people by official count.

The deadliest earthquake known occurred Jan. 24, 1556, in north-central China, killing an estimated 830,000 people.

Maldives hostage ship sinks

NEW DELHI (R) — The cargo ship in which mercenaries tried to escape after their failed coup attempt in the Maldives capsized and sank Monday while under tow, an Indian official spokesman said.

Nobody was on board the 5,000-tonne Progress Light when it went down about 90 kilometres off Sri Lanka, he said.

The spokesman said all 46 mercenaries, with about 24 hostages they had taken in the Maldives, were moved onto the Indian frigate Godavari shortly after Indian naval commandos boarded it without resistance Sunday.

About 17 of the hostages, including Maldives Transport and Shipping Minister Ahmad Mujibabha and his Swiss-born wife Ursula, both of whom were slightly wounded, were flown by

helicopter to hospital in Trivandrum in southern India.

Indian military personnel have kept reporters away from them, but hospital sources said about six of them were in serious condition.

The spokesman in New Delhi said the Godavari, accompanied by another Indian frigate, was expected to arrive in Male, the Maldives capital, Tuesday carrying all the other hostages and the mercenaries, who are already being interrogated by Indian and Maldivian officials.

There were no details of the sinking of the Progress Light, but earlier reports said it had been hit by Indian naval gunfire and that a fire had broken out on board.

Indian officials said the bodies of four hostages shot dead by

mercenaries were found on Progress Light. Another 15 were wounded.

Indian reports, quoting hospital sources, said one hostage was in critical condition and six were listed as serious.

In Male, shops were beginning to reopen and people were coming out of their homes, picking their way between giant puddles left by unseasonably heavy rains that flooded the powdered coral roads as the small Maldivian security force rounded up suspects, mostly Sri Lankan, for questioning.

One group of about 20 were led, downcast and with hands outstretched, into the headquarters of the national security services which took the brunt of Thursday's rebel assault.

Customs Department details new tariffs

Tabbaa: Jordan capable of weathering present economic situation

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa said Monday that Jordan was capable of adapting to the new economic situation as it did in previous instances but public cooperation, awareness and sharing responsibility were required.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Tabbaa said the new situation calls for all citizens' cooperation and adoption of new "living patterns so that we can overcome this crisis."

The minister noted that many of the commodities which have been banned from import were abundant in the market, sufficient for at least six months.

The ban will make available at least \$200 million in one year and will be used for purchasing essential goods, the minister said.

The government's new measures have been instrumental in increasing the number of investors applying to set up new industries in the Kingdom, he said.

Since August, a total of 700 investors have applied to set up industries and 10 per cent of them have already taken steps to commence operations, Tabbaa added.

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Quadah said customs fees on lubricants had been unified at 150 fils for every kilogramme. The previous rate was 150 fils per kilogramme of only certain types and a 14 per cent increase for others.

The increase, Quadah said, covered alcoholic drinks of all types but did not give details.

Quadah said there would be an increase on goods banned from imports until Dec. 31, 1989, and on those which are on their way to Jordan or still not cleared from

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Cyprus talks end, to resume Nov. 22

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders completed their first round of United Nations-sponsored peace talks Monday with no indication of significant progress towards reuniting the war-divided island.

President George Vassiliou, the Greek Cypriot leader, and Rauf Denktaş, president of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot republic in the north of the island, are now scheduled to meet again in New York Nov. 22-23 to review their talks with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The talks began in Geneva Aug. 25, ending a three-year deadline in efforts to reunify the island.

But, despite the lack of apparent progress in the talks so far, there have been faint signs of an improvement in the political climate in recent weeks.

Four Turkish-Cypriot politicians crossed the fortified green line Monday for a rare visit to the Greek-Cypriot south.

"Today we have the joy of seeing four Turkish-Cypriot leaders with us... as a hopeful beginning for something better for the whole of Cyprus," Greek-Cypriot Member of Parliament Yiannakis Matsis, who invited them, told reporters.

Members of the Greek and Turkish-Cypriot communities rarely cross the green line buffer zone surrounded by barbed wire and minefields and patrolled by U.N. peacekeeping troops.

Matsis, who asked representatives of the three main parties in the north, said the ruling National Union Party turned down the invitation.

Ismail Bozkurt and Alpay Durduran of the Communal Liberation Party and Naci Talat and Ergun Vehbi of the main opposition Republican Turkish Party will meet Greek-Cypriot party leaders and travel to coastal towns.

"We hope that this will be a first step and then inter-party and multi-party meetings will be arranged. All the parties wish to play a role in this question," Talat said.

"In a very short time we will try to exchange views and find common ground to how we can tackle this very difficult problem."

Herzog urges new 'unity government'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — President Chaim Herzog urged Israel's two major parties Monday to form a temporary unity government to reform an electoral system that often gives small religious parties the balance of power, politicians said.

But after Herzog made the proposal, officials from both the rightist Likud and centre-left Labour parties said such a government was not realistic and pledged to continue efforts to form narrow-based coalitions.

"We are definitely optimistic that if the president swiftly calls on (Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir to set up a government, he will quickly... have a stable government to lead the country," Likud Member of Parliament Ronnie Milo said.

By law Herzog must designate the candidate with the broadest support in parliament to form the government. He will consult all the parties this week before making a decision.

"We recommended to the president to call on Shimon Peres to form the government," said Uzi Baram, head of the Labour delegation that met Herzog. "We said that Shimon Peres heads a large bloc (of parliamentarians) than Shamir."

Baram denied reports suggesting Likud and Labour could join

in a new "national unity" government, sharing power as they did after Israel's stalemated 1984 elections.

"I am against a national unity government from a practical and ideological position," he said. After last week's election, Likud seemed to have the best chance of assembling a rightist coalition with the support of four orthodox parties, which are ideologically attuned more to Likud than to Labour."

Likud won 40 seats in the 120-member parliament and engaged in intense coalition talks with the orthodox, who command 18 seats. Three smaller right-wing parties have seven seats.

Labour won 39 seats, but the left-wing parties together have 49 seats to the right's 47. Six seats controlled by Arab-oriented parties also lean towards Labour but are traditionally excluded.

Labour's chances improved Sunday after two ultra-orthodox groups, Shas and the Torah Flag Party, announced they were considering joining a Labour-led government.

Torah Flag won two seats and Shas six last week. If the two groups refuse to participate in a Likud-led coalition, Shamir will

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Sri Lankan troops storm prison; 12 inmates killed

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Army troops, backed by helicopters and armoured cars, stormed a riot-stricken suburban prison and killed 12 inmates Monday, police said.

About 25 other prisoners were injured in the army assault, said police.

About 1,500 inmates, half the population of the medium-security Welikade prison, began rioting Sunday to demand better food and the resignation of President Junius R. Jayewardene and the dissolution of parliament, officials said.

The inmates took one guard hostage but released him early Monday, said a police official.

They then set fire to furniture in four buildings behind the six-metre (20-foot) walls around the prison complex and cut telephone lines, the official said.

They said the rioters were in control of the prison until the army was sent in at the request of the prison department.

The troops threw tear-gas and opened fire on the prisoners as two helicopters hovered over-

head, police said. Officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said the Welikade riot apparently was inspired by strikes and demonstrations being organised around the country by a radical Sinhalese group, the People's Liberation Front.

Officials quoted by Reuters said the front was behind an attempt Monday by 200 prisoners to break out of a prison at Negombo 40 kilometres north of Colombo and last week's tunnel escape of at least 80 others from a detention camp in the southwest.

The front opposes last year's Indo-Sri Lankan peace agreement aimed at ending a five-year-old conflict between the island's Sinhalese majority and minority Tamils.

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Street children — what is round the corner?

KHAWLAH is aged 10. But in no way is the life she leads similar to those of her age. By the time they start for their schools in the morning, Khawlah will already have spent two of her 13-15 working hours out on the streets.

She works seven days a week and all months of the year. Following her daily routine Khawlah, 10, was found, appears at the Zarka — Amman bus stop at approximately 8.00 a.m. While slowly approaching the bus that transports students to the University of Jordan, she demanded, addressing the driver, "get me my tea." She then got into the bus and without uttering another word, reached for the pack of cigarettes in his shirt pocket, and helped herself to one. She did not light it, but stood in the entrance of the bus eyeing everybody that got on.

My eyes meet hers, attempting to establish a kind of communication with her, but my attempts are in vain. She gives me a cold gaze, and then turns her head to the driver who does not fail to read the message, and immediately hands her some matches, simultaneously remarking that she will have to pay for all "his services in not the so distant future."

The minute I walk towards her hoping to have a closer look into her life, she jumps from the bus, breaking the glass of tea, and disappearing in the crowd.

"Don't try to follow her," remarks the driver, who is in his late twenties. "Khawlah is an experienced beggar and knows how to escape when she is in danger. The sight of paper and pens has always made her nervous," he adds.

Khawlah is not the only child to whom the streets are home, school and the source of livelihood. In fact, she is one of some many children counted by the Jordan Times, who live around the usually crowded Zarka — Amman downtown streets, bus stops, and traffic lights begging, selling miscellaneous items and sometimes stealing.

Muhammad Naim, age 14, quit school in fifth grade because he was always failing. He was later forced to work in order to provide for his 46 year old unemployed father and himself. He earns a mere JD 2,000 — JD 3,000 day and that is "almost sufficient to keep us going," he states. His sisters and brothers are currently being looked after by the Zarka based Omar Bin Al-Khatta orphanage. He sees them every week.

Such are the stories which I managed to extract from some six children interviewed after having to buy almost half of what they sell in order to make them confide in me and tell their stories. Although most of these children, whose ages average between 6

and 18 years, are all basically out there trying to make some money, their reasons for being there vary tremendously.

According to University of Jordan's Director of Child Development Programme in the Faculty of Education Dr. Jamil Smadi, the problem lies within the family itself.

"The majority of these children come from either broken homes or homes with poor father/mother figures. It is in such cases where you find some parents forcing their children to go out and beg, clean car windows... to get money to support the family," Smadi adds, "the child immediately lacks a stable home life which in itself should function as a primary school of learning. And as the child continues to grow up with the absence of this primary family educational and sociological support, the secondary needs are instantly not met as well. This lack of both primary and secondary needs — which in this case include a sufficient supply of food, clothes, proper guidance and family role model — all lead up to the development of anti-social behaviour which often times leads up to criminal behaviour."

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Diane Chilangwa looks at the street children, the past histories that led to their struggle for survival, and their possible future.

Because most of these children will grow up with no education, their chances of leaving the streets are highly attenuated according to Smadi.

Other prevailing factors leading to street life among the youth stems from a lack of socialisation facilities in some areas of the cities. According to Smadi, "a large percentage of children seen on the streets come from slum areas which lack facilities to entertain the children. It is when children begin to hang about on the streets that a lack of control of their behaviour among themselves is likely to develop."

Present education laws in Jordan make it compulsory for all children to remain in school until the ninth grade. Unfortunately, states Smadi, this law is not being enforced in some parts of the country.

"The whole problem has psychological, sociological and economic aspects all of which should be looked at. With the help of the Ministry of Education, Social Development, Health and University experts in the field, a study of the situation might prevent the rise of child delinquency in the society."

Educating and involving the parents of these children could be an asset as well.

"This factor is especially im-

portant as in some cases you find actual parents forcing their children to work." This is commonly done in families where the child is expected to finance a parents' social habit which in some cases could be an alcohol or drug dependency, according to Smadi.

As part of the government's aim at protecting and aiding these street children and child delinquents, special rehabilitation centres have been set up throughout the Kingdom of Jordan with 3 in Amman, 2 in Irbid, 1 in Zarka and 1 in Ma'an.

The centres, which were first run by private individuals to aid orphans, children of broken homes, delinquents and the like in the early 1950's have now developed and become a part of the government's Ministry of Social Development. Divided into two categories, the centres serve as crime prevention centres for abused children and rehabilitation centres for juvenile delinquents.

States Farouk Nagawe, Director of Social Defence for the Ministry of Social Development, "although the public thinks that nothing is being done for these children, there does exist a police patrol accompanied by Ministry

of Social Development employees who aim to identify street children in need of help from the government's rehabilitation centres."

In the case of severely neglected, abused or homeless children found roaming the streets, ministry officials take in these children. Depending on the severity of each case, the length of stay is determined by the rehabilitation officials. However, not all children found in the centres today have been picked up from the streets. According to Nagawe, "a good number of them are brought to our attention through neighbours and even other family members of the victims."

During their stay at these centres, the juveniles receive an education similar to that of other children in regular government schools in the country. In addition to this, special vocational programmes have been established as part of the ministry's efforts to equip the older children with income generating skills once released from the centres.

"We now work with the Ministry of Labour who assist some of the juveniles in receiving employment by providing them with information on job openings," says Nagawe.

In the case of these juveniles released before the age of 18, family backgrounds are reviewed once more by ministry officials to ensure that the child is well protected and looked after once he or she is back again with the family, Nagawe states.

But according to some official sources, who requested anonymity, taking some of these children off the streets prevents them from "supporting themselves." He adds that the law has set certain penalties against juveniles supporting themselves which in no way will help because once the fine is paid (when found guilty) or the time they have to spend in rehabilitation centres is over, most return to the streets. He continues to explain that poverty and family disintegration are the main reasons behind this phenomenon. "Also," he adds, "the absence of one efficient specialised department that would look after these children, and their families, is an important factor."

The other official body concerned with the welfare of these children is the Social Development ministry which, the same source claims, is "not doing a good job." He says that there is a need for more seriousness in dealing with the issue. More modern and well equipped rehabilitation centres should be established if workable solutions are ever to be found for this problem, which he believes is truly critical, owing to the future impact it has on the country "when these children grow into the criminals that experience shows they will be."

However, Nagawe believes efforts to curb the number of street children seem to have taken a positive turn which can be seen by the steady decrease in their number in some parts of the Kingdom.

"Parents of repeat offenders are forced to pay a fine to the police," says Nagawe who sees this as another factor leaning towards a more positive response from some parents whom he believes will try and keep their children off the streets. Also, unlike the old days, specially trained individuals have been hired by the ministry to work with the juveniles while living in the centres.

Programmes offered cover not only academics but activities such as sports and religious lessons according to Nagawe.

"The existence of these centres and their activities is a must if we are to succeed in protecting our children from the dangers which can negatively affect the future of the individual, as well as that of his or her family and country as a whole."

In conclusion Nagawe adds, "It is important to note that our centres are not prisons but a place where juveniles — whether victims of crime or abuse — can be protected and helped."

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Madaba students begin gathering olives

MADABA (Petra) — Secondary school students in Madaba district Monday began a week-long campaign to help local farmers to gather olives.

The harvest campaign which was organised by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) has been worked out in co-operation with the Ministries of Agriculture and Education as well as the Armed Forces.

It is aimed at encouraging voluntary work and to help protect the Kingdom's agricultural wealth, according to an RSCN statement.

Last week, the RSCN announced that students will be employed to help gather olives in the Ajloun area and said that such campaigns last year proved to be of great success.

Canada to offer educational services

AMMAN (J.T.) — An agreement was signed here Monday for the establishment of an office for the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) in Amman to offer services to national educational and vocational training centres.

Under the agreement which was signed by Minister of Social Development Fawaz Touqan and ACCC representative in Jordan Denis Lederer, the corporation will provide staff and necessary financing and equipment for the office and qualified instructors to offer training to Jordanian personnel who will take over the office work and the office projects in Jordan.

The corporation will offer scholarships to students and provide assistance to local institutions upon the request of the Ministry of Social Development.

Prices of imported medicines sold at pharmacies to be raised by 30%

By Abdullah Nsour
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Imported medicines sold by privately-owned pharmacies and drug stores will go up by 30 per cent in price as of Tuesday, but rates fixed by the Ministry of Health for drugs sold at its hospitals and health centres will remain unchanged, according to a Health Ministry announcement Monday.

The announcement was made by the ministry's Pharmacy Department Director Husam Musmar who said that the decision was inevitable in view of the rise in the foreign exchange rates against the Jordanian currency.

Musmar said that all drugs prices rose at the rate of 27.4 per cent in terms of the U.S. dollar, 33.5 per cent in terms of the Deutschmark, 27.67 against the Swiss franc, 28.74 per cent in terms of the French franc and 43.36 per cent in terms of the Japanese yen.

The need to hike the prices of imported medicine arose with the floating of the Jordanian dinar on Oct. 13, when all importers and drug stores found it difficult to obtain sufficient foreign exchange to pay for their imports, Musmar noted.

He said that the matter became worse for the importers who had to buy foreign currency from the local market rather than the Central Bank of Jordan at a higher level than the official rate.

The Health Ministry, Musmar pointed out, has been in contact with the Jordanian Pharmacists Association (JPA), and drug stores, emphasising the need to make available all the required amounts of medicine for the consumers.

Indeed the Health Ministry was in contact and constant consultations with the importers and surveyed the drug market very closely between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1, before reaching this decision, Musmar pointed out.

But, he explained, the new rates do not reflect the real high prices of imported drugs, and the importers have agreed to bear part of the new burden by accepting to put in a contribution at the rate of five to seven per cent with regard to the new prices.

Musmar made it clear that a revision of the new rates will be made by his department early next year and he expressed hope that the revision will be in the interest of the public.

Musmar noted that nearly 2.6

million people now benefit from the primary health centres services around the Kingdom and they will continue to pay 200 to 400 fils for the medicine dispensed to them at these centres.

Musmar said there will be no change in the current prices of locally manufactured drugs, despite the fact that raw materials used in making them have risen in price.

He appealed to Jordanian specialists and doctors to issue prescriptions for the purchase of local medicine to help patients obtain their medication at a lower cost.

According to Musmar, Jordan last year imported JD 14.316 million worth of drugs and said it is hoped that citizens will now turn to the local products which are of high quality and help save badly needed hard currency.

Commenting on the new measure, JPA President Tayseer Al Humsi said that the increase was inevitable and came as a result of developments beyond the drug stores control.

He said neither the government nor the JPA is happy about the new prices and therefore it is hoped that a revision will be made of the situation soon.

Hindawi addresses ISESCO executive council meeting

'Jordan is keen to boost Arab, Islamic unity and cooperation'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Monday welcomed the convening of a general conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) in Amman on Nov. 12, and said the Kingdom is very keen on maintaining and bolstering Arab and Islamic unity and joint cooperation.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thouqan Al Hindawi said in a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the Hashemite Kingdom, represented by its leadership, Armed Forces and people, has offered and continues to offer heavy sacrifices in defence of the holy places in Jerusalem, and added that the Islamic battles took place on Jordanian territory at Mu'ta.

The minister was addressing a meeting by the ISESCO's executive council here to pave the ground for the Nov. 12 meeting, which according to officials, will debate issues of concern to Muslims and to plan policies and activities for the organisation in the coming three years.

"The coming meeting, which will be held under royal patronage marks the organisation's sixth anniversary and demonstrates the importance of continued help for it from different Islamic governments," Hindawi said.

The minister paid tribute to ISESCO officials for their hard attempts to overcome difficulties like financial problems that tend to impede ISESCO's programmes.

"All Islamic countries are in-

for the organisation's activities, an agreement between ISESCO and Morocco on the organisation's headquarters in Rabat, and a 1988-1991 budget and internal statutes.

On the executive council are delegates that represent Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Malaysia, Mali, Kuwait, Qatar, Guinea, Gambia, Iraq, Senegal, Saudi Arabia, Chad, Bangladesh, the Comoros Islands, Pakistan, the Sultanate of Brunei and Palestine.

According to ISESCO's charter, the organisation's general

conference meets every three years in a regular session in order to draw up and define general policies and guidelines for the organisation, consider a plan of action, reports and proposals put forward by member states and the executive council and take appropriate decisions.

The conference is also empowered to discuss and approve the organisation's budgets and closing accounts, elect members of the executive council and elect the organisation's director general.

Road accidents claim 27 lives in October

AMMAN (Petra) — A statistical bulletin issued by the Public Security Department (PSD) Monday said that a total of 1,498 road accidents occurred in Jordan in the past month causing the death of 27 people and the injury of 903 others.

However, the total number of accidents in October 1988 was less than that of October 1987 when 1,528 road accidents were reported causing the death of 30 people and the injury of 873,

according to the PSD department.

Most of the accidents it said involved knocking down people due to speeding and careless driving.

The PSD statement appealed to motorists to take extra caution in driving and to ensure that their vehicles are in good order in view of the coming winter season when accidents on the roads are liable to occur more often.

SAFETY INSPECTIONS: Ajloun District Governor Mohammad Al Talbouni has decided to form a committee for public safety to make field tours of various cities and villages in the district, designed to make sure that public safety conditions are met in the commercial sector, gasoline stations, restaurants, and residential areas (Petra).

Mahatta jail demolition begins

AMMAN (J.T.) — Demolition operations began Monday to remove the old Mahatta prison to pave the way for the establishment of a public park and a community centre in its place which now occupies nearly 40 dunums.

Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh initiated the demolition programme which is being implemented by Greater Amman Municipality teams.

The prison was abandoned four years ago, and instead the Public Security Department (PSD) set up a modern reformatory and rehabilitation centres in a number of regions and a major centre at Swaqah south of Amman.

PSD Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali, who also visited the demolition site, said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the new rehabilitation centres for inmates

contain all facilities that can help rehabilitate the prisoners and prepare them to adapt to social and economic life after serving their prison terms.

The PSD, he said, is no more restricting its work to traditional security duties but is rather expanding its operations and activities to help contribute positively and constructively to the community's social and economic development, Majali noted.

Since 1976 the PSD has been involved in a campaign to develop and improve services at prisons and in building rehabilitation centres and providing them with qualified staff and all required facilities, Majali added.

The new centres provide cultural, educational services and sports activities for the inmates in addition to new skills through vocational training programmes which will no doubt be helpful to them upon completing their terms.

According to PSD officials, the Swaqah centre which cost some JD 4.745 million is a comprehen-

sive compound with all types of facilities.

Greater Amman Municipality officials said that the community and public park which will replace the prison at Mahatta will benefit the Mahatta residents and visitors to the city of Amman.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

ROYAL DECREE: A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing the appointment of Jordanian Ambassador in Washington Hussein Hamami to the post of Jordan's non-resident ambassador to Mexico (Petra).

CHINESE TEAM VISITS WORKSHOPS: Commander of the Nanjing military regions in China, General Xiang Zhou Zhi, and the accompanying delegation Monday visited the Armed Forces Al Hussein Workshops, where the workshops commander briefed the guests on its establishment, development, and various sections. The guests also visited the front line positions of the 12th Royal Mechanised Division (Petra).

NASSEREDDIN VISITS EGYPT: Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad has arrived in Cairo on a three-day visit to Egypt during which he will attend a ceremony to honour Egyptian writer Najib Mahfouz who had received the Nobel Prize for Literature. Assad will meet with a number of Arab intellectuals and writers at the Arab Language academy in the Egyptian capital and Minister of Education Ahmad Sarour and Minister of Culture Farouk Husni (Petra).

INDONESIAN MINISTER: Indonesian Minister of Religious Affairs Minawer Chadi is due here Tuesday on a several day official visit to Jordan. Chadi will hold talks with Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat on issues of common interest and will make a tour of a number of religious and cultural centres in the Kingdom (Petra).

SINGAPOREAN ENVOY: The government has endorsed the Singaporean government's nomination of Tan Jin as Singapore's non-resident ambassador to Jordan (Petra).

TEACHING ENGLISH: Thirty teachers Monday enrolled in a course on methods of teaching English language to third secondary students at the Department of Education in Zarqa (Petra).

TAFILEH ELECTIONS: Nomination for the three-day Tafileh municipal election began Monday. The voting will be held on Nov. 15. The Tafileh assistant governor said that the total number of registered voters is 7,373 people (Petra).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

ART EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Masri at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ An art exhibition that shows paintings demonstrating public life in the Soviet Union at the Yarmouk University.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Islamic book exhibition at the Islamic Cultural Centre for Men in Karak.
- ★ A book exhibition that includes books on medicine, engineering, basic sciences, computer science, management and economics at the Yarmouk University.
- ★ A book exhibition that includes scientific and literary books at the Jordan University of Science and Technology.
- ★ A literary exhibition held on the occasion of the centennial birthday of the British poet T.S. Eliot at the Exhibition Hall, the University of Jordan.
- ★ A children's painting exhibition at Hittin Refugee Camp public library.

FILM

- ★ A German film entitled "the Chinese Roulette" at the Goethe Institute — 8:00 p.m.

Taipei centre receives gift from Jordanians

TAIPEI (CNA) — Jordan has presented a sculpture of a "Lucky Dragon" as a token of friendship to Taipei City.

Taipei Mayor Wu Po-Hsiung, on behalf of Taipei's 2 million residents, accepted the gift at the Taipei City Fine Arts Centre.

The Lucky Dragon, a work of Jordanian artist Layla Haddad, weighs about 50 kilograms. Its body is made of metal and its head of rock.

In remarks at the ceremony, Wu expressed the hope that the elegant sculpture, to be kept permanently at the fine arts centre, would remind Taipei citizens of the warm friendship between the two countries.

Musa R. Abu Taleb, director of the Jordanian Commercial Office in Taipei, said he hoped that through the exchange of the art work, the two countries with age-long histories would become even friendlier. He extended best wishes for Taiwan's continued prosperity.

The statue was the joint gift of the Jordanian Commercial Office and Jordanians in Taiwan.

American centre to hold 24-hour election coverage

AMMAN (J.T.) — The American Cultural Centre will offer 24-hour coverage of the U.S. presidential elections, from 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 through 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Election Centre activities will begin with a panel discussion on "Jordanian Perspectives of the U.S. Elections," at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 8. Participants will be Jordanians who have visited the United States during the past year to observe the campaign process.

The American Centre will receive live reports on the elections throughout the 24-hour period from U.S. television networks, wire services, and other news sources. Election results will be posted as they are received.

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End hostage taking

PLAYING Russian roulette with the lives and freedom of Arab and foreign hostages in Lebanon is demeaning to the genuine and real grievances of the Arab and Islamic worlds. Neither our religion, nor our culture and traditions would condone taking hostages no matter how deep and critical are our conflicts with the Western world. Taking innocent people as hostages is not our true way and this phenomenon is repugnant to our ideals and every principle that we cherish. This is not to suggest that we should not pursue our struggles against our enemies whoever they are with vigour and determination. Rather it is an appeal to resort to honourable and legitimate ways to wage that struggle in keeping with our sense of Islamic and Arab honour and pride.

We realise and take note of the fact that we unfortunately live a world devoid of ethical and moral national behaviour and that what counts nowadays is raw power politics. We also appreciate the fact that our ethical and moral leverage with the enemies of our causes does not carry much weight and that it has become imperative to improvise ways and means to make our voice loud and clear worldwide. But there several legitimate options still available to us to accomplish this objective and taking hostages is certainly not one of them. The imprisonment of hostages is an act of desperation that we must all stand firm against in order to better defend our rights and aspirations on international level. Likewise we abhor the policy from any quarter that may encourage the practice of trading off hostages for pledges and promises that are not worth the paper they are written on for they are based on illegitimacy and ethical conduct.

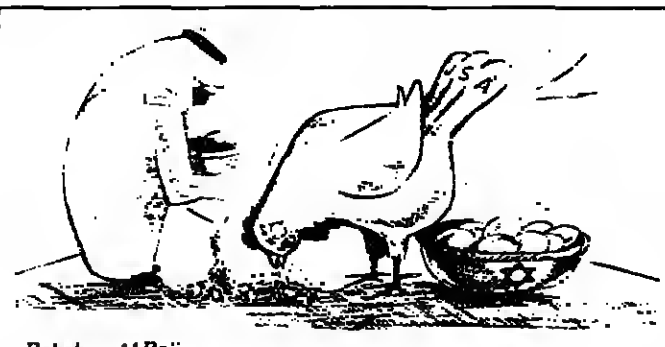
We therefore proudly join forces with all those who call for an end to the phenomenon of hostage taking and appeal to our brothers in Lebanon who hold hostages to release them all in the shortest possible time in honour of our well established traditions.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Two Jordanian Arabic dailies Monday reflected on the government's decisions to levy more tax on luxury products and to save hard currency. Al Ra'i Arabic daily said the decisions were a manifestation of the government's keenness on dealing with the current economic situation imposed on Jordan by local and foreign influences. The decisions safeguard the interests of the broadest sector of the public which had suffered from lack of rationalisation, the paper noted. It was a brave step on the part of the government to take at a time when it was needed to help the Kingdom deal with a difficult situation and it should invite favourable response from the public so that the decisions can have a real and fruitful result, said the paper. The country, the paper added, needs to save at least \$200 million in the coming year to pay for the debts and their services; and the new decisions are bound to help attain that goal.

Al Dustour said that the approval and the warm welcome to the new decisions drawn from various sectors of the public reflect genuine support for the government and its moves to put the economy in order. The new government decisions, serve as a surgical operation which aims to save the economy and end excessive spending that used to drain the Kingdom's resources, the paper noted. A ban on importing luxury goods, a reduction in spending, especially on non-essential commodities, and a higher levy of taxes on a number of imported products would save badly-needed funds to finance development and pay the Kingdom's debts, the paper added. The money needed is not to increase the treasury's resources but rather to deal with the economic problems which the country is now facing, noted the paper. The paper voiced support for the government's decisions which, it said, had placed many matters in their right perspective.

Sawt Al Shaab commented on the development councils seminar which opened Sunday and echoed Prince Hassan's call for serious thoughts to be given for the development of desert lands that form 70 per cent of the Kingdom's area. The paper reiterated the need for developing the agricultural sector not only in the fertile regions of the south but also the badia and arid areas. It said that development ought to be distributed fairly to all regions of the Kingdom and repeated Prince Hassan's call on the public to switch from excessive consumption to real production.



ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Boosting tourism

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily calls attention to the need to develop tourist centres in Jordan to boost their attraction to visitors now that it is becoming more and more difficult for Jordanians to travel abroad for a holiday. Salah Abdul Samad says that the new government measures which imposed additional fees on departure and travel fares, and the rise in the price of foreign currencies will be instrumental in boosting domestic tourism. Jordanians do not need luxurious hotels to invite them for a vacation, but rather simple and developed form of tourist facilities and good services, says the writer. He says that the unreasonable rates of hotels and other tourist facilities in Jordan will by no means attract holiday makers, but will rather tend to keep national tourism as dormant as ever. A citizen is entitled to have means of recreation, concludes Abdul Samad, and the public and private sectors can and should cooperate to work out a convenient formula that is quite beneficial to the people and can safeguard the national interests.



Living up for the rewards

By Donald Neff

WASHINGTON — It has become traditional for American diplomats partial to Israel to line up at the end of their tours of public service and receive the rewards of Israel's gratitude. These are usually in the form of public honours but also include other more lucrative tokens such as the \$100,000 prizes from Jewish groups collected by Ambassadors Jeanne Kirkpatrick and Samuel Lewis at their retirements in 1985.

Now George P. Shultz's tenure is expiring and the honours are starting to pour in for the secretary of state. Already last month he received the 1988 Liberty Award of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society for his efforts on behalf of the immigration of Soviet Jews and an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University. Shultz's awards still haven't matched those received by former ambassador to Israel, Lewis, who aside from cash was also appointed to the board of directors of Israel's Bank Leumi, but then Shultz still has three months left in office.

During the six and a quarter years Shultz has guided U.S. foreign policy, his support for Israel has been unparalleled — and it continues to be so as he concludes his tenure. His latest favour came at the beginning of October when he overrode spirited objections by a potent group of bureaucratic heavyweights — the FBI and the justice and de-

fence departments, no less — to extending limited consular immunity to 50 Israelis working in Israel's trade and military purchasing offices in New York. Under the decision, 45 people in the purchasing office would be covered, as would five in the trade office. Henceforth, the two offices would be considered annexes of the Israeli embassy in Washington and as "inviolable" as the grounds of a foreign embassy. In addition, the affected personnel would have the same immunity from prosecution as members of consulates, presumably including prosecution for spying.

Opponents of the deal argued that Israel had hardly proven itself such a friendly ally in recent years as to deserve the expansion of immunity to cover yet more of its nationals. Foremost, many security officials still resent the humiliating success of the Pollard spies, American Zionists who in the mid-1980s stole for Israel well over 1,000 highly sensitive documents with the obvious connivance of Israeli handlers.

The pilfered data went well beyond Israel's concerns with its Arab foes. The documents stolen by Pollard contained details about U.S. ship positions and naval tactics and training as well as analyses of Soviet missile systems. The information also revealed how the United States collects spy data, including clues to the identity of U.S. agents. There has long been a suspicion, but no proof, that Israel in turn

had used this information to enhance its own interests by trading the secrets to America's enemies, specifically the Soviet Union. For their perfidy, Jonathan Pollard, a civilian intelligence analyst for the navy, and his wife, Anne, received prison terms of life and five years respectively.

Israel has consistently insisted the damaging thefts were a "rogue operation" but U.S. officials continue to believe it was part of a highly organised Israeli penetration that probably involved more Americans beyond the Pollards. The search for other suspects continues, and perhaps because of that quest the grant of limited immunity is not retroactive. It will not cover anyone involved with the Pollards or earlier espionage episodes.

Despite Israel's official stance that the Pollard spies were a "rogue operation," Israeli officials have repeatedly sought his release, so far without result. As a result, Israelis now call Pollard a "prisoner of Zion." More than 70 members of the 120-member Knesset have signed a petition to President Reagan seeking his release and both of Israel's chief rabbis have written to the president on his behalf.

That other Israeli spying operations have been directed at the United States seems incontrovertible. Disturbing hints of such operations to filch U.S. secrets were cited by critics of the immunity agreements, but without result. The unfriendly opera-

tions included a July 1986 case in which Israeli officials were suspected of smuggling to Israel the tightly controlled machinery to make cluster bombs and a 1985 operation that resulted in Israel illegally receiving technology to improve the barrels of tank cannons. In the latter case, Israel not only received the banned machinery but put it into production — in a plant built in Israel with U.S. military aid funds. The American firm which smuggled the machinery, Napco Inc., of Tarryville, Connecticut, pleaded guilty and paid a \$750,000 fine last year. But although Israelis working in the New York purchasing mission were suspected in that case and the earlier cluster bomb operation, no formal charges were ever brought against the foreigners. Still, suspicions remain about what all those 250 people employed at Israel's New York purchasing office actually do.

Under the circumstances, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee called the grant of immunity "outrageous." Nonetheless, the State Department countered its critics by noting that most diplomatic missions in the United States are granted limited immunity for their purchasing officers. It also justified the action by saying the U.S. had 20 to 30 officers in Israel who received similar immunity, though what the United States might find worth stealing from Israel was left unsaid — perhaps America's own secrets? — Middle East International, London.

Japan — one year of Takeshita

By Tsukasa Maekawa
Reuter

TOKYO — Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita has succeeded in making a mark for himself and Japan in the international arena during his first year in office.

Overshadowed by the worldwide reputation of his outspoken predecessor Yasuhiro Nakasone when he first took office a year ago, Takeshita has confounded the skeptics by quietly shaping Japan's foreign policy along his own lines.

"Takeshita has done better than expected in managing foreign economic relations in the past year as the strong domestic economy helped boost Japan's imports," said Toshihiko Hara, assistant professor at Tokai University.

While former Prime Minister Nakasone prided himself on being on first name terms with President Reagan, Takeshita has sought to broaden Japan's relations with Europe and act as a spokesman for Asia.

"I shall strive to add greater depth and breadth to Japanese-European relations in all fields," Takeshita told Japan's parliament soon after assuming office a year

ago.

With the coming economic integration of Europe in 1992, the cementing of ties between Europe and Japan has taken on an added importance, political analysts said.

The diplomatic high point of Takeshita's first year in office came in June, when leaders of the world's top industrial nations met in Toronto for their annual summit.

Japan's strong economy, the legacy of Nakasone's decision late in his tenure to pump up demand, helped shield Takeshita from criticism at the summit.

Keeping Washington sweet

So too did his promise of \$50 billion in aid for the world's neediest nations.

That left the premier with enough time to defend quietly the trade policies of Asia's rapidly developing economies and put forward a new plan to help the debt-ridden Third World.

Neither move was greeted warmly by the United States, which had attacked the burgeoning trade surpluses of countries like South Korea and Taiwan and which saw the Japanese debt plan

as potentially undermining its efforts in Latin America.

Takeshita has managed to keep Washington sweet by deftly managing bilateral economic relations and by solving some of Japan's more intractable trade problems — opening its construction and beef and orange markets to foreign competition.

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Tax reforms

Takeshita has staked his political career on the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) third attempt in 10 years to introduce an unpopular sales tax — a major pillar of his tax reform package. "Takeshita is determined to

pass the tax reform bills through parliament by the end of the year," chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi said in a recent local press interview.

For the moment, however, the plan has become entangled in a share trading scandal involving Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and aides to senior LDP politicians, including Takeshita.

With opposition parties often boycotting parliament in an effort to force fuller discussion of the scandal, Takeshita's hopes for quick passage of the reforms have been frustrated.

However, most analysts share the view that the scandal is unlikely to shake the foundations of the LDP.

"The scandal is not likely to strike a serious blow to Takeshita and thus will not prevent him from getting what he wants," said Kuniko Inoguchi, assistant professor at Tokyo's Sophia University.

If he does, he may then be able to turn his attention to one his pet themes — *hansu-to*, or revitalisation of Japan's local communities — an issue that could not be further away from the international arena where he has made his mark this past year.

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MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Dascalescu in Syria

DAMASCUS (R) — Romanian Prime Minister Constantin Dascalescu arrived in Damascus Monday for talks on expanding economic cooperation with Syria and the Middle East crisis, diplomats said. They said Dascalescu, who headed a 28-member delegation, would start official talks with Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Zu'bi later Monday and was also expected to meet President Hafez Al Assad during his three day visit. Romania has joint investment of more than \$1 billion in industrial and agricultural projects in Syria. They include an oil refinery at the northeastern port of Baniyas, a cement plant near the northern city of Aleppo and an irrigation network in the Euphrates basin. Syria and Romania signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement last year when Assad visited Bucharest.

Clemency for Polisario

RABAT (R) — Morocco's King Hassan renewed Sunday night his offer to forgive what he called misguided Polisario forces fighting for independence of the Western Sahara under Moroccan control. "I tell those who have goodwill and in their veins even a drop of blood which binds them to Morocco that the country is merciful and forgiving," he said in a radio and television broadcast. The king, who did not mention the Polisario by name, was marking the anniversary of a "green march" by 350,000 unarmed civilians sent into the Sahara by the king to pressure Spain into giving up her mineral-rich colony 13 years ago. The king halted the marchers after they crossed the border. A few days later Spain agreed to hand the area over to Morocco and Mauritania, whose share was later annexed by Rabat. The king reiterated in his speech that a proposed U.N.-sponsored referendum on the territory's future would "confirm our centuries-old rights."

Free Iraqi press

BAGHDAD (R) — A free press was of paramount importance now that Iraq was no longer at war, Information Minister Latif Nassif Al Jasssem told Iraqi journalists Monday. "We have no censorship on our information, except for security sensitive issues," the Iraqi News Agency INA quoted him as saying. Jasssem told the journalists they should not be subject to any pressure but should take into consideration what he termed the psychological development of their society. He said he had told INA to publish all information "so people could be made aware of the facts."

Andreotti in Israel

ROME (R) — Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti will visit Israel Tuesday for talks with

leaders of the country's two major parties, his ministry said Monday. A spokesman said Andreotti, who had talks in Rome last Wednesday with Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat, would meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Monday's announcement said Andreotti would meet Shamir and Peres in his capacity as current president of the United Nations Security Council. The spokesman said Andreotti wanted first-hand information on the political situation in Israel which might help efforts to convene an international Middle East peace conference.

African leaders meet

BEIRUT (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi met Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and Ghanaian leader Flight-Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported Monday. JANA gave no details but it said both Museveni and Rawlings spoke of African unity and of the need to hold inter-African meetings to discuss continental and international affairs. JANA said the visitors arrived at Sirte in northern Libya Sunday evening.

Japan to help peace

TOKYO (R) — A Palestinian leader told Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno Monday that Japan, by exerting influence on the United States, could help negotiations to bring peace to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a spokesman for the foreign ministry said. Uno said in a meeting with Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), that Japan would support efforts for an international conference on the future of the occupied territories. Kaddoumi said the territories should be administered by the United Nations in order to stop violence there, according to the spokesman. Kaddoumi arrived here Sunday and will leave after his five-day visit for Algiers where the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, meets Saturday.

Jewish cultural centre

TEL AVIV (R) — The Soviet Union has agreed to the opening of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow and to put no limitations on published materials or lecturers sent there from Israel, the head of the Jewish Agency said Sunday. Simha Dinitz, head of the Jewish Agency of the World Zionist Organisation (WZO) and a former Israeli ambassador to Washington, told reporters on his return from Moscow: "They have put no limitations on any cultural material we want to send from Israel or on the character of lecturers we will be sending to appear in the centre, as long as they don't produce anti-Soviet propaganda."

Dangerous fissures found inside Great Pyramid

By Mimi Mann
The Associated Press

famous pyramids, the Sphinx and a host of other monuments.

"Very dangerous"

GIZA PLATEAU, Egypt — Lights installed to make the Great Pyramid's interior safer and more hospitable to tourists have illuminated major cracks inside the embattled monument, including a hairline fracture surrounding a 2½-ton boulder.

"If this huge rock falls, there's nobody who can predict what will happen inside the pyramid," said antiquities inspector Mansour Baurak, who discovered the fissures.

The boulder is just more than 2.8 metres wide and hangs precariously over steps leading to the pyramid's subterranean chamber, one of three interior structural complexes.

It balances two granite plugs used by Pharaoh Cheops' workmen 4,600 years ago to seal the steeply ascending passage toward the burial chamber at the top.

"The most threatening crack is this one," Baurak said. In the ninth century, Caliph Ma'mun blasted his way into the pyramid near the boulder in the mistaken belief that he would find treasures inside Cheops' tomb.

It's uncertain whether the fracture dates from that episode or later. Baurak found the threatening crack and four others while working on a project to refurbish the pyramid inside and out.

"We were installing lighting and a closed circuit television system," said Zahi Hawass, general director for antiquities in the pyramid area. Giza plateau is the site of Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, the three most

"When we lit the interior of the pyramid using the new strong lighting, we were shocked to see the size of the cracks. Some are only worrisome, but I believe others are very dangerous to the safety of the pyramid."

Hawass said the old lighting inside the pyramid was so dim that antiquities experts were unable really to observe its interior walls, although cracks were detected in 1954 when restorers inserted iron bars to keep them from widening.

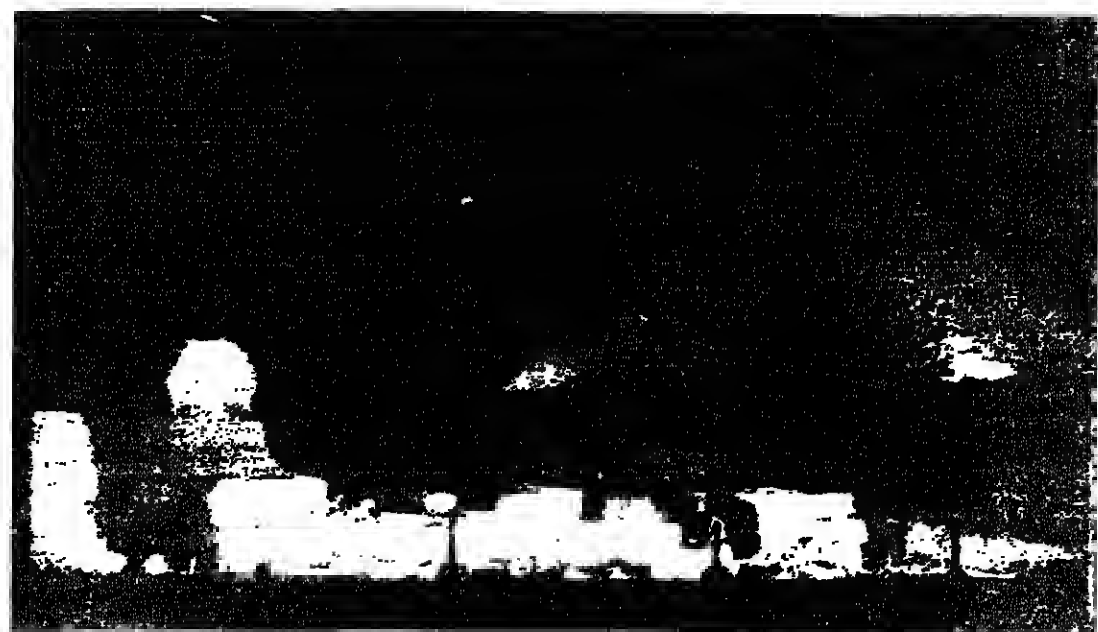
"Obviously that hasn't worked, because now we can see the cracks are getting wider and widening the large blocks in the centre of the pyramid in a precarious situation," Hawass said. "In places it's unsafe for tourists to visit."

Closed for the restoration, the Great Pyramid had been scheduled for reopening on Oct. 15. But Hawass postponed that and said he now doesn't know when the pyramid will be able to accept visitors.

"There's pressure from tourism, but we'll have to decide what to do about the cracks before declaring the pyramid safe," Hawass said.

Egyptian restoration specialists have been at work since late summer outside the pyramid tightening loose stones among its estimated 2.5 million limestone blocks. It's the first known work of its kind on the last surviving monument of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Baurak pointed out the poten-



The Great Pyramid during night

Cracks show up from the bottom of the steps to the top of the grand gallery itself. Baurak said their problem potential ranges from "cause for worry" to "very dangerous for the pyramid."

Inspector general Hawass said the pyramid's problems and those of its neighbour the Sphinx, which is crumbling, reflect that no large-scale maintenance has been done on them in modern times.

"Pyramids are like old buildings, and during their long histories they haven't had proper maintenance," Hawass said. "Even though we knew what to expect inside Cheops when the new strong lights were installed, we still couldn't believe it. It's like opening up a patient."

You know what to expect, but there are always surprises." He said the problems with Egypt's two best-known monuments should force antiquities officials to make a master plan for all relics of the country's rich past.

"We must have an endangered list, which will include the pyramids and the Sphinx, and then we must decide how best to save those monuments," he said. "If we don't act now, they simply won't be here in 200 years."

Decision-making has been hampered by the Egyptian antiquities organisation's lack of a permanent director since its previous leader, Ahmed Kadry, was fired after the Sphinx incident in February.

Tunisian politicians endorse multi-party system

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian politicians marked President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali's first anniversary in power Monday by signing a national pact enshrining the principle of multiparty democracy.

The leaders of Tunisia's six recognised parties, as well as trade unionists and a representative of the unrecognised Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI), put their signatures to the 14-page document at Ben Ali's palace in the suburb of Carthage.

The president attended the ceremony but it was the secretary general of the ruling Rassemblement Constitutionnel Democratique, Abderrahim Zouari, who signed on his behalf.

Ben Ali deposed Habib Bourguiba, Tunisia's president for more than 30 years, November 7, 1987, on the grounds of senility. In his first speech he said Tunisia deserved a pluralist and multiparty political system.

The national pact, which all the parties have been helping to draft since September, says, "the state must guarantee basic freedoms such as... the freedom to form associations and political parties, provided these freedoms are practiced within the scope of the law."

"The only restrictions the law should impose should be to guarantee the fundamentals of a democratic society, public security and the rights of others," it adds.

Tunisia's parliament has already passed a new law on political parties but the opposition groups say it is too restrictive as it gives the government the right to decide whether parties fulfill the conditions for recognition.

The MTI, probably the most influential opposition group, is still awaiting legalisation.

Other sections of the national pact stress Tunisia's Islamic and Arab identity, reflecting a trend away from the determined Westernisation carried out by Bourguiba.

But it preserves Bourguiba's civil status law, which gave Tunisian women greater rights than in any other Arab country.

The law, contrary to tradition, bans polygamy and allows women to sue for divorce on an equal footing with their husbands.

In further celebrations of Ben Ali's first anniversary, the president is naming one of the capital's main squares after November 7.

Dispute in Khartoum over Numeiri assets

KHARTOUM (AP) — The Sudanese government is wrangling over what to do with more than \$15 million worth of confiscated gold, jewels and decorations that belonged to ousted President Jaafar Numeiri, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Al Adwa said Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi and a key lieutenant want to sell them to erase the memory of the dictator's 16-year reign.

The culture minister contends that would embarrass the country in the eyes of the governments that gave many of the items to Numeiri as gifts and wants them displayed in Sudanese museums, the paper said.

A committee Mahdi established to assess the value of the belongings has finished its work, but its report was not made public. Al Adwa said it was told the evaluation was put at 70 million

Sudanese pounds, or \$15.5 million at the official exchange rate.

Numeiri's generals deposed him in April 1985 as he returned home from a trip to the United States. His aircraft landed in Cairo for refuelling, and he is still there.

Mahdi's government, which took over from the military a year after the coup, has tried on corruption and other charges members of Numeiri's family and his friends arrested after his fall. Testimony has been presented alleging major corruption by the former president, but Egypt has refused to extradite him and he never has been put on trial.

In an interview published in Kuwait last week, Numeiri's first from his exile home, he said he has no money and lives off the Egyptian government and help from unidentified friends.

Al Adwa said the confiscated items "filled seven big boxes, which 10 strong men are not able to carry... and three big cases... that contain swords decorated with precious stones and jewels."

Among the valuables, the newspaper said, are "old good coins that date from the Turkish era (in Sudan), keys of several cities, decorations, jewelry and miniature palm trees in pure gold."

Egypt's Turkish Ottoman rulers colonised Sudan in 1821 and stayed with British help in the latter years until 1881.

Al Adwa quoted Mahdi as saying he and his cabinet affairs minister, Salah Abdul Salam, want to sell the objects to any buyer, at home or abroad.

"They represented a dark period in Sudan's history and an image of the wrongdoings of (Numeiri's) rule," the paper quoted Mahdi as saying.

But it said Abdallah Mohammad Ahmed, the minister of culture and information, "submitted, a strongly worded memo to the premier... voicing his opposition to the idea."

His position was that because many of the valuables were gifts to the president from governments, selling them would be insulting and an embarrassment.

He wants them exhibited along with the belongings of other leaders.

Customs tariffs details

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the customs.

These increases cover:

— 1,500-cc motor cars will pay 120 per cent customs fees (up from 100 per cent);

— 1,501-cc to 2,000-cc cars — 130 per cent (up from 100 per cent);

— 2,001-cc to 2,500-cc cars — 170 per cent (up from 130 per cent);

— 2,501-cc to 3,000-cc cars — 200 per cent (up from 150 per cent); and

— those above 3,000-cc — 300 per cent (up from 200 per cent).

In addition a levy of 100 fils will be charged for every kilogramme of the vehicle's weight.

Qudus said that additional fees would be imposed at the rate of 85 per cent on imported furniture (up from 60 per cent), telephones, 85 per cent (up from 45

per cent), cameras 60 per cent (up from 33 or 45 per cent), television and video cameras and tape recorders with radio 85 per cent (up from 45 per cent), washing machines 60 per cent (up from 40 per cent), freezers 60 per cent (up from 45 per cent), refrigerators at JD 12 for a cubic foot (up from JD 10), domestic products 60 per cent (up from 45 per cent), imported tiles 60 per cent or JD 2 for every square metre (up from 50 per cent or JD 1.5), tyres 300 fils for a kilogramme (up from 200 fils), and chandeliers and lighting equipment 60 per cent (up from 45 per cent).

Qudus said no increases were to be levied on video sets and buses or auto spare parts.

Palestinian woman killed

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against the destruction of 15 buildings erected allegedly without permits, a police spokesman said.

Israel Radio said 20 Arabs were injured by rubber bullets

fired to disperse the demonstration. Police made five arrests.

Several hundred teenagers poured out of two high schools to confront police who arrived to destroy the buildings in the town of 14,000 people.

Herzog urges 'unity'

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lack the 61 seats needed to control parliament and form a government.

The Agudat Israel Party and Shas cancelled meetings scheduled Monday with Herzog, who is to meet representatives of all parties elected to parliament before making a decision. The talks may take days if not weeks.

"Things are complex. Nothing has been finalised," Shamir said on Israel Radio Sunday, sounding far less confident than earlier.

But after meeting with Herzog for an hour Monday, Likud negotiator Eliahu Ben-Elissar quoted the president as saying he felt Likud's possibilities were "realistic" for assembling a coalition.

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S. Arabia pressures OPEC

ABU DHABI (R) — Saudi Arabia is keeping its oil output high two weeks before a crucial OPEC meeting to try to pressure other members into accepting a binding agreement to curb production, Gulf oil industry sources said Monday.

But they said Riyadh did not want prices to decline even further, since it now also had a stake in the distribution market under a joint venture with Texaco in the United States.

"Saudi Arabia is not after a price collapse, they want to keep the pressure on OPEC," one analyst said.

Oil analysts said Saudi policy of exceeding its quota assigned by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had forced prices down

in the past two months. They said the aim was to persuade cash-strapped OPEC members, whose oil ministers meet in Vienna Nov. 21, that they must agree on new output limits to help prices to recover.

Saudi leaders are not interested in a pact which would be broken immediately after it was signed, analysts said.

"Saudi Arabia wants an output accord that will last longer than the current one... and one everyone will abide by as long as it is

there," one analyst said. The analysts agreed that Saudi Arabia would keep its output high until a viable agreement was reached.

The kingdom, with a quota of 4.343 million barrels per day (b/d), pumped an average of 5.65 million in October, according to a Reuters survey. Sources said output in the last week of October reached seven million b/d, the highest this year.

Reports that a Saudi chartering company had hired at least 10 supertankers to load oil before the November meeting led to rumours that Riyadh planned to put even more pressure on other OPEC members.

But one analyst said: "Everyone knows that the oil is there but they (the Saudis) will not bring a lot to the market before the meeting."

Saudi Arabia initiated a proposal by the six Arab producers in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) last month to raise OPEC's total output ceiling to 17.429 million b/d. The current, widely-ignored limit is 15.06 million b/d excluding Iraq.

Baghdad stayed out of the 1986 OPEC pact after its demand for quota parity with Iran, its Gulf war foe, was refused.

The GCC proposal tried to solve the problem by assigning 2.369 million b/d to both countries, but Iran again immediately rejected the concept of parity.

Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told the Saudi Press Agency Saturday that Saudi Arabia would abide by its quota when

others did the same. "We categorically reject that the kingdom alone abide by its quota while others exceed theirs," he said.

Nazer expressed hope that the Nov. 21 meeting would produce an output accord, despite what he termed "campaigns of media distortion."

Oil industry sources said he was responding to press reports that the kingdom would flood the market before the meeting.

"Saudi leaders believe their policy is very responsible both for producers and consumers and they must react to words like flooding, as they probably think it is portraying the kingdom as being irresponsible," one analyst said.

One analyst said Saudi Arabia's deal with Texaco to refine and distribute oil in 23 American states meant that it was now thinking of the supply situation in a wider perspective.

"They want stability and not to wreck the Western economies, which are a big market," he said. But the Texaco deal is also a major factor in keeping Saudi output high. Sources said it was sending 600,000 b/d of crude to stockpile and pay for the joint venture.

They said Saudi output would probably be high in December also due to supply commitments, even if a new pact was agreed.

"If there is an agreement in Vienna, Saudi Arabia will have to tell the other OPEC members that it will have to slow down in January," one oil industry source said.

Kuwait slashes 50% of 87/88 budget deficit

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait said Monday higher oil revenue and belt-tightening had slashed its 1987-88 budget deficit to 779 million dinars (\$2.8 billion), the lowest for three years and just over half the planned figure.

Finance Minister Jassim

Mohammad Al Khorafi told a news conference this meant more money would go to the Reserve Fund for Future Generations, a nest-egg for the 21st century largely invested in foreign stocks and bonds.

Kuwait, one of the world's largest investors, allocates 10 per cent of revenues to the fund every year.

Khorafi said revenue for the fiscal year ending last June totalled 2.25 billion dinars (\$8 billion) and expenditure 2.8 billion dinars (\$10 billion) not including the fund contribution.

The deficit had been forecast to reach 1.4 billion dinars (\$5 billion), about the same as in 1986-87.

A major reason for the lower deficit was the recovery of world oil prices in 1987 after a crash in 1986. The average price of oil, Kuwait's main source of revenue, during the year exceeded the projected \$15 a barrel.

Khorafi said the government had also sought to rationalise spending without affecting basic services and people in limited incomes.

But he said persistent deficits sustained since oil prices plummeted in 1982 endangered the government's reserves.

"Continuing budget deficits will be a danger to the general reserve because they will bring us to the stage where we are forced to cover the deficit from the reserve," he said.

Kuwait's reserves, estimated by bankers at about \$80 billion, include both the reserve fund and a general reserve.

The reserve fund cannot be touched until the next century. The general reserve, worth about nine billion dinars (\$32 billion), includes loans to Arab and Third World countries which cannot be recalled quickly, bankers say.

Kuwait financed the 1987-88 deficit for the first time by issuing treasury bills and bonds worth a total of 1.4 billion dinars (\$5 billion) to local financial institutions.

Khorafi said a committee headed by the central bank governor had been formed to study ways of developing the general reserve.

He also said the government was considering a new law to tie future borrowing to the actual, instead of the projected, deficit.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Arab bankers to meet later this month

ABU DHABI (R) — Bankers from 21 Arab states will meet in Abu Dhabi from Nov. 19 to 21 to discuss obstacles to their cooperation, bank officials have said. Adnan Al Hindi, secretary general of the Beirut-based Arab Bankers Union, told the official Emirates News Agency WAM that the conference would consider ways to promote the interests of members. "Cooperation among Arab banks has become imperative due to economic and financial changes on regional and world levels," he said. "World banking groups are adopting new policies that do not conform to the interests of Arab banks, a fact that requires effective cooperation among us," he added. He did not elaborate.

Turkey raises cigarettes, alcohol prices

ANKARA (R) — Turkey raised prices of cigarettes and alcoholic drinks Sunday because of the lira's decline against the dollar and higher local costs, the Anatolian News Agency reported. The price of a packet of imported luxury cigarettes was raised by 15.7 per cent to 2,200 lira (\$1.30), while local cigarettes went up by between 14 and 20 per cent. The cost of a bottle of imported whisky went up to 35,000 lira (\$21.7) from 27,000 lira (\$16), an increase of 27 per cent, and the cost of top-quality local liquors was raised by 66.6 per cent. The lira lost more than a third of its value against the dollar in the first half of 1988 while the annual inflation rate reached 86.4 per cent in October. The government raised prices of several state-produced goods and services, including petrol, iron and steel and air and train fares, last month in an effort to cut a growing budget deficit.

Tanzania devalues currency by 21%

DAR ES SALAAM (AP) — Tanzania has devalued its currency by 21 per cent, two days after President Ali Hassan Mwinyi accepted an austerity programme prescribed by the International Monetary Fund to revive the economy. The Central Bank of Tanzania said in a statement the shilling will exchange at 119.39 to one U.S. dollar, up from the 98.21 last week. The black market value of the currency was as much as 200 shillings to the dollar last week. The devaluation reduced the value of the currency by 200 per cent within three years. The measure would increase prices of imported goods like petroleum, machinery and spare parts.

Iraqi exports show sharp rise

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has said its industrial exports were worth almost \$166 million in the first nine months of this year compared with about \$98 million in the same period of 1987. An industry ministry official, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), said the chemical and mineral industries headed the list of exporting industries, followed by the food, textile and engineering industries.

Sudan's railway receives Saudi loan

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's ailing railway system has received a 36 million riyal (\$10 million) loan from Saudi Arabia, the Sudan News Agency SUNA reported Sunday. It said the railway, Sudan's highest employer and main means of transport, would use money from the Saudi fund to buy equipment and spare parts and for line repairs, especially on the section north of Khartoum. SUNA said Sudan would repay the loan over 20 years with a five-year grace period. It made no mention of interest.

China to crack down on gold prospectors

PEKING (R) — China is to force at least 300,000 self-employed gold prospectors out of business to halt gold riots, rampant smuggling, and ecological devastation, officials report Sunday. The move follows bloody gang warfare between miners and near-starvation. Tibetan peasants whose lands have been ruined by a Klondike-style gold rush this year in a remote area of northwest China closed to foreigners. The government is losing huge amounts of revenue because prospectors supposed to hand over their finds to the state for 1,200 yuan (\$320) per 50 grammes instead sell to private dealers, often from Hong Kong, for three times as much. Authorities would confiscate the licences of some 300,000 legal prospectors and prosecute the thousands of other illegal self-employed miners.

'Sick man of Asia' recovers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corason Aquino said Monday the Philippines was no longer the "sick man of Asia," and urged her nation's South East Asian neighbours to invest more to help sustain economic growth here. "Today, perhaps more than at any other time in the past 20 years, the Philippines is on the rise," Aquino told a conference of about 500 businessmen from the Association of South East Asian Nations. "The momentum of recovery is building up." "Less than three years ago, the Philippines was also known as the 'sick man of Asia'. Its economy, which had led the way for other Asian economies in the early '60s, was in a dangerous tailspin," Aquino said. "Today, we can proudly say that we have pulled off one of the most phenomenal rescue operations in economic history." She said the economy had bounced to a 5.7 per cent growth in gross national product in 1987, and 6.8 per cent growth in the first half of 1988.

Jeddah port to become transit centre

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia will allow container ships to use Jeddah as an international transfer point beginning Nov. 11, the Saudi Seaports Authority (Seapa) has said. Under the new system, large container vessels will be allowed to unload cargo onto smaller boats for shipment to other ports in the region. A series of expansion and modernisation projects in the last decade has made Jeddah Islamic port the biggest port in or around the Red Sea, local shipping sources said. In 1987, the port handled 24.97 million freight tonnes. The sources said the move was likely to result in the creation of at least two regional feeder routes, including one serving the northern Red Sea ports of Yanbu, Aqaba and Port Sudan and another serving Yemen, Djibouti and Ethiopia to the south. The approval, which comes three years after a request by local shippers, is likely to bring new business to the port, which has been hit by falling imports due to a decline in Saudi oil revenues, the sources said.

Britons fear foreign takeover wave

TOROUAY, England (R) — British companies fear a wave of foreign takeovers will leave much of the country's industry in foreign hands in the 1990s, the head of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said Sunday. "If contested takeovers continue at their present rate, by 1992 strategic control of much of British industry will be exercised from outside the (European) Community (EC)," CBI Director-General John Banham told reporters at the confederation's annual conference which groups Britain's largest employers. Banham said the relative openness of securities markets in Britain enabled non-EC companies to gain a foothold in the Community through takeovers of British firms. "In the run-in to 1992, the risk of a wave of foreign takeovers is of great concern to many CBI members," he said.

Turkish Airlines flies into the red

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish Airlines, the national flag-carrier, flew into the red in 1987 because of its ambitious expansion plan, officials have said. Despite a healthy operating profit, the airline recorded an overall loss of 11,323 billion lira (\$1 million) in 1987, the transport and communications ministry officials said. They said this was largely due to interest on amortisation credits for some of the 10 Airbus bought by the airline, which now has 28 planes. Another four are due to be acquired by 1992. The airline made an operating profit of 33,054 billion lira (\$33 million) in 1987, compared with 3,055 billion lira (then \$10 million) in 1986. Turkish airlines added Algeria and Tunisia to its routes in 1987 and New York, Helsinki, Oslo and Basle this year. It plans to fly to Moscow and Tokyo in 1989. In one optimistic sign, the airline has begun offering tea and cakes again on internal flights after several months in which only water was served as an austerity measure.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday Nov. 7, 1988					
Central Bank official rates					
	Buy	Sell		Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	450.0	452.0	Japanese yen (for 100)	359.6	361.4
Prund. Sterling	204.3	206.3	Dutch guilder	222.5	223.6
Deutsche mark	251.0	252.5	Swedish crown	72.5	72.9
Swiss franc	299.6	301.1	Italian lira (for 100)	33.8	34.0
French franc	73.6	74.1	Belgian franc (for 100)	119.9	120.5

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

	One Sterling	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.7750/60	Canadian dollar
	1.2310/20	Deutsche mark
	1.7845/55	Dutch guilder
	2.0130/40	Swiss franc
	1.4945/55	Belgian franc
	57.38/41	French franc
	6.0910/60	Italian lire
	1327/1328	Japanese yen
	124.60/70	Swedish crown
	6.1850/1900	Norwegian crown
	6.6420/70	Danish crown
	6.8820/70	U.S. dollars
One ounce of gold	421.00/421.50	

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Ministry of Labour	663184		
Ministry of Communications	847391	Commerce	666151
Ministry of Agriculture	639091	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Income Tax Department	690151	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Central Bank of Jordan	630001	Jordan Association of Insurance	647370
Amman Customs Department	772181	Companies	647370
Social Security Corporation	645000	General Statistics Department	660171
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Jordan Commercial Centres			

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Nov. 7, 1988			
	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	1056264	JD 1635966	1008
Top three companies:			
Arab Bank Limited	2620	JD 368315	90
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	54450	JD 149238	72
Aladdin Industries	78924	JD 110138	68
Parallel market:	47963	JD 29939	—
Development bonds:	6732	JD 70382	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Shares closed weaker as leading stocks across the board suffered losses in dull trading in the run-up to the U.S. presidential election. The All Ordinaries index fell 13.7 to 1,556.7.

TOKYO — Prices slid as investors took profits and stayed away due to the worsening health of Emperor Hirohito and the U.S. election. The Nikkei index fell 181.39 to 27,866.36.

HONG KONG — Prices slipped in thin, lacklustre trading ahead of Tuesday's election and a H.K. Telecom announcement on a proposed share placement. The Hang Seng index fell 17.49 to 2,567.02.

SINGAPORE — Share trading volume was second lowest of the year as the U.S. elections and a local holiday dampened interest. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 5.21 to 1,023.27.

BOMBAY — Closed for holiday, reopens Wednesday. Frankfurt — Anxiety about Tuesday's presidential election kept most investors on the sidelines in thin trading, driving prices lower. The DAX index fell 13.89 to 1,271.13.

ZURICH — Shares closed lower on light volume. Investors were cautious after the downturn in New York overnight and in Tokyo and before the presidential poll. The Swiss index fell 7.6 to 932.7.

PARIS — Prices extended earlier losses at mid-session as caution increased ahead of the presidential election. The low turnout in a referendum on New Caledonia also contributed to a bearish mood.

LONDON — Prices stood near the day's lows in late trading, reflecting nervousness over the presidential election and potential dollar weakness after signs of further strength in the U.S. 1,181.91.

NEW YORK — Stocks were steady at lower levels in mid-morning trading. The Dow was down 15 at 2,131.

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Real Madrid scores decisive win

MADRID (R) — Spanish soccer giants Real Madrid stretched their lead at the top of the first division with a convincing 4-1 home win over Celta Sunday.

Barcelona, still looking unsettled after being edged out of the top spot by Real three weeks ago, stayed second but dropped two points behind with a lackluster 0-0 draw away to Valladolid.

Real's city rivals Atletico Madrid saw a promising winning run under new British coach Ron Atkinson come to an end when they slumped to an unexpected 2-0 defeat at Osasuna.

Real were in fine fettle ahead of their European Cup second round return leg next week against Poland's Gornik Zabrze in which they hold a one-goal first leg advantage.

They had few problems against Celta, who have not won in the Bernabeu Stadium in 39 years. Martin Vazquez scored within seconds of the kick-off and Rafael Gordillo added the second with a fine left-foot drive in the 19th minute.

Celta's Amarildo Souza of Brazil escaped from Miguel Tendillo to slip in a goal for Celta in the 29th minute, but Hugo Sanchez slammed home a pass from Emilio Butragueno two minutes later and Manuel Sanchez picked up another fine pass from West German Bernd Schuster to make it 4-1 in the 65th minute.

Atletico Madrid, who had delighted Atkinson by winning their last five matches, were surprised by an unexpectedly tough Osasuna.

Italian soccer

Internazionale, last in control

of the Italian soccer league eight years ago, became the first team to take an outright lead this season with a 1-0 win against Sampdoria Sunday.

Inter, one point clear with nine from five games, have not had sole command since they won the title in May 1980 and are being compared again to the great team of old.

Midfielder Nicola Berti netted the winner after just 48 seconds to give the side their third consecutive victory and score his third goal in as many matches.

"To score in front of 70,000 fans at San Siro is like finding a place in a woman's heart. No. It's better," said Berti, one of the rising stars of Italy's World Cup squad.

But while the 12-times Italian champions have three easy league clashes coming up, their grip is less than secure from defending champions AC Milan and Juventus.

Dutch stars Rudi Gullit, battling back from an ankle injury, and Marco Van Basten scored in each half to lift AC Milan to a 2-1 win at Verona and into second place.

Sugar Ray still wants to win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — As he heads into his third comeback, Sugar Ray Leonard feels he has lost none of his hunger to win. "People have been questioning my motivation since my first official retirement," said Leonard, who is coming out of his third

NBA Standings

NEW YORK (R) — Standings of National Basketball Association (NBA) teams Sunday.

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia 76ers	2	0	1.000	—
Boston Celtics	1	1	.500	1
New Jersey Nets	1	1	.500	1
Washington Bullets	0	1	.000	1½
New York Knicks	0	2	.000	2
Charlotte Hornets	0	2	.000	2
Central Division				
Cleveland Cavaliers	2	0	1.000	—
Detroit Pistons	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta Hawks	2	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee Bucks	1	1	.500	1
Chicago Bulls	1	1	.500	1
Indiana Pacers	0	2	.000	2
Western Conference				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio Spurs	1	0	1.000	—
Denver Nuggets	1	1	.500	½
Dallas Mavericks	1	1	.500	½
Miami Heat	0	1	.000	1
Utah Jazz	0	1	.000	1
Houston Rockets	0	2	.000	1½
Pacific Division				
Portland Trail Blazers	2	0	1.000	—
Seattle SuperSonics	2	0	1.000	—
Golden State Warriors	1	0	1.000	½
Los Angeles Clippers	1	1	.500	1
Los Angeles Lakers	1	1	.500	1
Sacramento Kings	0	1	.000	1½
Phoenix Suns	0	2	.000	2

Navratilova claims 8th title this year

WORCESTER (R) — Top seed Martina Navratilova, twice beaten by Natalia Zvereva this year, rallied to defeat the Soviet teenager and claim her eighth singles title of the year.

Navratilova held off a strong challenge from the sixth seed to carve out a 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 victory in final of the \$300,000 New England tennis tournament.

Despite losing her first serve to fall behind 0-2 in the opening set, the eighth-ranked Zvereva, 17, fought her way back to force a tiebreak.

Zvereva, who won a dramatic 12-10 tiebreak to beat third seed Chris Evert Saturday, controlled this one with three passing shot winners and two crafty drop shots to win 7-4.

Navratilova continued to have difficulty with Zvereva's passing game and well-disguised drop shots, but the 32-year-old world number two attacked relentlessly to win the crucial points in the final two sets.

The two hour 19 minute match turned in Navratilova's favour when she held off a break point at



Martina Navratilova

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Swedes prepare for Davis Cup

STOCKHOLM (R) — Sweden, tipped to win the Davis Cup for the sixth successive time, will lay their favourite clay court surface for the indoor final against West Germany next month. Tennis officials said Monday. Sweden has an abundance of top players, including world number one Mats Wilander and third-ranked Stefan Edberg, but they may need the advantage of a slow surface against West Germany's Boris Becker. The former Wimbledon champion and world number five won the Stockholm open grand prix tournament Sunday after Edberg and Wilander had crashed out in the early rounds.

Algeria's Setif reaches African club final

CAIRO (R) — Algeria's Setif reached the final of the African club champions cup soccer tournament Sunday by beating National of Egypt in a penalty shoot-out after the two sides finished the two-leg semifinal level at 2-2. Setif, who won the first leg 2-0 at home October 23, lost by the same margin in Sunday's return but clinched the penalty shoot-out 4-2. Setif played a tactical defensive game and denied national any scoring chances in the first half but national, twice winners of the trophy, struck twice in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Frenchman wins horse show

NEW YORK (AP) — Hubert Bourdy of France rode Moet et Chandon Milout to victory Sunday in the \$5,000 international speed class in the final day of competition at the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden. Heading into the last international class, the Big Apple Grand Prix World Cup, the United States was leading with 108 points. Canada is second with 73.25, France third with 71.25, and West Germany fourth with 50.5 points.

British runner wins New York marathon

NEW YORK (R) — Steve Jones became the first British runner to win the New York marathon Sunday when he came home in a near-record time of two hours, eight minutes, and 20 seconds. Norway's Grete Waitz became the first runner, male or female, to win the same marathon nine times when she captured the women's title in 2:28:06. Jones, a 33-year-old Welshman, was only seven seconds off American Alberto Salazar's 1981 New York mark of 2:08:13, a world record at that time and still the fastest pace for the New York city marathon. Jones, making his debut in the New York classic, received 26,385 dollars for the win.

Brazilians win Lisbon marathon

LISBON (AP) — Two Brazilians crossed the finish line in front of Lisbon's white, harborside Jeronimos Monastery Sunday, to win the men's and women's classifications in this city's third marathon. Brazilian Osniro Silva finished the 42.195 kilometres course in 2 hours, 20 minutes and 29 seconds, edging Portuguese favourite Cidilio Caetano of Benfica into second place by three seconds. Dirk Veris of Belgium was third in 2:26:51. In the women's classification, Brazil's Janet Mayal raced home in 2:43:05, ahead of Portuguese Lucilia Soares. The race, that was patronised by women's Olympic, world and European marathon champion Rosa Mota and former Olympic mens' gold-winner Carlos Lopes, saw a record number of 585 starters.

Turk wins Asia-to-Europe marathon

ISTANBUL (AP) — Ahmet Altun of Turkey won the 10th Asia-to-Europe marathon across the bridge spanning the Bosphorus Sunday in 2:15:06 hours. Altun, who chose to stay behind until the last kilometres finished the 26 miles, 42.195 kilometre some 55 yards ahead of Mithat Sahin of Turkey with a sudden attack. Sahin completed the race in 2:15:20 hours. Dragon Isailovic of Yugoslavia came in third in 2:15:47 in the race in which there were 398 starters including 14 foreigners. The race began on the Asian side of the first Bosphorus bridge and ended in continuous rain in front of the Dolmabahce Ottoman palace in the European sector of Istanbul.

French pilot killed in speedboat race

PARIS (AP) — Philippe Rebutel of France died during the six hours speedboat race on the Seine River Sunday when his boat collided with that of another participant, police said. Rebutel, 44, was in the fourth hour of the race when his Yamaha Moore was in a collision with a boat driven by the Dutchman Ian de Vren at more than 62 miles per hour 99.7 kilometres per hour. Rebutel suffered a fractured skull and died in the ambulance transporting him to the hospital. The race was won by the team of Franck Mercken and Joel Pinon of France, who covered 440 miles.

U.S. players win Wightman Cup

LONDON (AP) — They had high hopes and plenty of heart. But in the end, they lacked the one quality which wins tennis matches. It was the same old story for the British Wightman cup team, crushed by the higher-ranked U.S. players in the 60th annual confrontation between the two nations. The United States' 7-0 clean sweep at the Royal Albert Hall was their 13th in the competition, and the third in four years.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF

HANDLE WITH CARE

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 6 4 2		♠ K 8 7 5	
♥ K 5 2		♥ 3 9 8	
♦ 8 7		♦ 10 5 4 2	
♣ 8 6 5 2		♣ 9 4 3	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q 10 3		♠ A K 7 6 3	
♥ 2 10		♥ A K 6 3	
♦ Q J 10 5 4 2		♦ A K 6 3	
♣ Q 10 7		♣ A K	

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣
Simple contracts are sometimes the most difficult to bring home. We are reminded of the tight end who breaks into the open, has a perfect pass thrown by the quarterback, then takes his eye off the ball for a moment and drops the catch.

South bid intelligently to the small slam. His game try of three diamonds requested his partner to consider that suit only in judging whether his hand was suitable for

game. When North decided his diamond holding qualified for a jump to four hearts, South elected to contract for 12 tricks.

Declarer was delighted with the dummy that appeared. Since he could claim his slam if trumps were 2-2, he cashed the ace-king of the suit, only to find that trumps broke according to the percentages. When declarer led a low diamond from the table East discarded, then over-ruffed when declarer ruffed a diamond loser. Since South still had a diamond loser with nowhere to put it, he had to go down a trick.

All that was needed to make the hand was a bit of care. Declarer should win the first trick and cash just one high trump in hand. Next, as a precaution he should cross to the ace of spades and lead a diamond toward his hand. Note that it does not help East to ruff, so let's presume he discards a spade. South wins in hand, leads a diamond and ruffs it with the king of trumps! (Should he ruff low, East will over-trump and return a trump—down one.)

The rest is easy. Declarer returns to hand, leads his last diamond and ruffs. East can over-ruff, but that will be the only trick for the defense. Declarer is in complete control.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By the Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Your ability to comprehend and recall events is above average. Friendship abounds with humor. The right and the ability to find off-beat solutions are acute. It is a good time to solve a problem.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Holiday plans can be made today. Start with family discussions and information gathering. Ask others to help with unfinished business.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): You are in a fine mood which eases your tension. The bumpy road smoothens. Lash out some extra free time on yourself today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): All words and no play makes you very moody. Your energy system is based on excitement, so stay out of a rut, and keep yourself busy.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21): Head off confusion over holiday plans by contacting friends and relatives now. Good communication works for you.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21): You are in a passive mood today. Take time out from a busy schedule, and keep things simple. Avoid over exertion, and protect your health.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): You may feel lonely in a crowd today.

Self-confidence is not at a high level. Keep the trust of others who care. Avoid crude responses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Steer clear of those who want handouts. Your resistance is at a low point.

Debts must be cleared before the holidays. Put off luxury purchases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Job seekers may find success today. You are nostalgic. You can have the best if you stay within the realm of possibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): A behind-the-scenes romantic situation has possibilities. Jealousy starts rumors. Exotic dreams can come true. Continue your fast pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): An aura of self-confidence is fulfilling your hopes and desires. Keep your batteries charged for a favorable advance and exchange.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Radiant sex appeal can influence another. You are magnanimous. Many diverse opportunities will be thrown in your path. Pick the best.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): An evaluation of investments is needed. Consult with those who know. Ignore anyone who has advice but nothing to show for it.

THE Daily Crossword by Samuel K. Flagner

ACROSS

- Page
- Glat
- Car
- podrida
- A Guthrie
- Mis. town
- So be it
- In
- (completely)
- Actor Nick
- He spoke to animals
- Cosmotic
- Ingredient
- Bom
- Minimize
- Underling
- Resort hotel
- Valuable
- fiddle
- Atlanta stadium
- Bottleneck
- Unknown work
- Famed Viking
- Ill temper
- Shake-spearer
- forest
- Cereal
- Buffalo Bill
- Clergyman
- Fish
- Hypothetical
- Public Health
- head
- Gay
- Kind of sauce
- Dub
- Underling
- Yodeler's
- millieu
- Boat
- Laughing
- Assess
- Playground

DOWN

- Burden
- Patron saint of sailors
- Herring sauce
- Super
- Dame
- Wear away
- Chorister
- Cat's-paw
- S.C. river
- Overact
- Beauty
- Commedia dell'
- Comic Louis
- Kind of acid
- Malabar's land
- Debussy opus
- Abraham
- Thompson
- In a lavish way
- Concerning
- Catty
- Step
- Proxy
- Smelly
- Shrillness
- Dwelling
- Leah
- Valid
- Gratify
- Theban king
- Mubarak's
- Garment for
- Gandhi
- Minor
- Glacial ridges
- Vincent Lopez
- Theme song
- 51 - aviz
- 52 Cupid
- 53 Indecent
- 54 Golf term

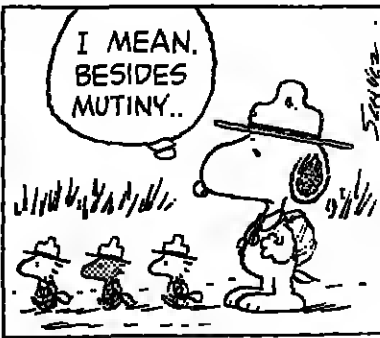
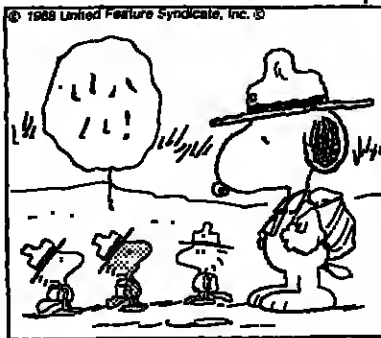
Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

PIRATES HIDE AWAY
RADIANT MOON TON
CRANIE PRIMA DON
SEMI-OBSCURE
DUTCH TROTTER
TUBEROUS BUD
AND DORMANT
PREPARED REBUDE
GIVE AWAY TRO
BAD SIT ANGLE
HASTE MAPLE
AUTOMOTIVE ROMA
SIA ABER REDEEM
TAN REAR CREAVR
KID DEIST HIDDEN

Peanuts

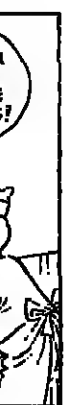


ALL RIGHT, TROOPS... AS WE HEAD OFF INTO THE WILD, WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT WE SHOULD DO IF WE GET LOST?

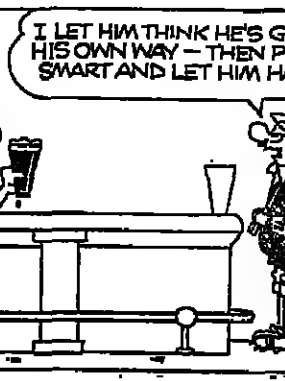


I MEAN, BESIDES MUTINY...

Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



"When someone in the neighborhood gets sick and loses his appetite, Stanley always finds it."

JUMBLE.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FYMIL
TEQUS
URRUMM
SHUBLE



HE DESERVES TO DO THIS WHEN HE BEHAVES LIKE A WORM.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAVO DITTY INTENT TURTLE
Answer: What to pay if you don't want to spend too much—ATTENTION

Warsaw attacks Walesa as strike threat looms

WARSAW (AP) — The Communist Party newspaper attacked Lech Walesa Monday in response to his threat of strikes unless authorities suspend the decision to close the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk.

"In the past, it was alleged that when the authorities lacked arguments, they resorted to repression," an editorial in Trybuna Ludu said. "Today, when Lech Walesa lacks arguments, he leads the strike cannon."

The page-two editorial followed remarks by Walesa in Gdansk Sunday that he was prepared to call a nationwide "strike alert" to demand preservation of the shipyard, birthplace of the Solidarity free trade union federation.

The yard, which employs 10,000 workers, has been a main base of Solidarity since it was formed in August 1980 and even after its banning two years later.

The commentary was unusual because the official press in recent weeks had been avoiding criticism of Walesa by name while preparations for talks between the government and opposition

were under way.

But the proposed talks have stalled, and now the government and opposition appear to be on a collision course over the shipyard closing, scheduled to begin Dec. 1.

The government announced the decision a week ago, saying the shipyard is losing money. But Solidarity's national executive commission, led by Walesa, claimed there was no "economic justification" for the closure.

"In a period when concrete decisions are being made about reforms... Lech Walesa has a different plan: Strike alert and strikes. It happened before. The country does not need strike... but reconciliation," said the editorial.

A statement released Sunday by Solidarity's national executive commission threatened broad protests, including strikes, if the government does not rescind the

shipyard decision.

"The Gdansk shipyard has to be defended," declared the statement, the banned union's strongest yet on the closure.

"In this situation, we consider it necessary to conduct a broad action in November for the legalisation of Solidarity, in defence of the Gdansk shipyard... even resorting to strike action."

Solidarity national spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz said the union's plans might be clearer after a workers' rally scheduled Tuesday in Gdansk.

A Walesa aide, Piotr Konopka, quoted Walesa as telling worshippers at Saint Brygida's church in Gdansk Sunday that he would call a national "strike alert" at the rally.

A "strike alert" would mean organising strike committees and getting workers prepared to strike at any moment unless their demands are met, said Solidarity spokesman Wojciech Maziarz.

The Solidarity statement said the decision to close the 10,000-worker yard is a "dangerous political act, pointing out the fact that

the government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski takes advantage of extraordinary powers to sustain Stalinist methods of administering the economy."

It is "an act of revenge against Solidarity and the Gdansk shipyard," the statement said.

While acknowledging that economic reform, which Solidarity supports, may force the closing of some enterprises, the statement said the closings should not be "arbitrary political decisions."

It said any closures should be preceded by a review of economic performance, with workers and their representatives taking part.

In a statement issued Saturday, Walesa said he would refuse to meet with Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak to discuss plans for wide-ranging economic talks until the shipyard decision was suspended and the government required all workers fired for taking part in the August strikes.

Walesa ended the last of the August walkouts after General Kiszczak promised that the talks could include the subject of Solidarity's future.

Deng: I'm no longer in charge

PEKING (R) — Deng Xiaoping, at 84 still regarded as China's most influential leader, said Monday he was no longer in charge and had passed the reins of power to Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang and Premier Li Peng.

"In China today, those in charge are Zhao Ziyang and Li Peng. I only look into a few matters," the official New China News Agency quoted Deng as telling visiting Uruguayan President Julio Sanguinetti at a meeting in the Great Hall of the People.

Western diplomatic sources quoted Deng as adding that his career was "in its sunset."

He told Sanguinetti China's progress in the past 10 years — the period of his rule, marked by pragmatic economic reforms — had been "gratifying" and national policies generally correct, the agency reported.

There had been minor errors and shortcomings but no major mistakes.

Deng stepped down from most party posts in late 1987, retaining only the chair of the central military commission. In July he said he had ceded effective power on the commission to party chief Zhao.

There is widespread specula-



Deng Xiaoping

tion over the health of Deng, who is hard of hearing, sometimes appears to walk with difficulty and has not made a major public speech for several months.

Diplomatic analysts say he retains massive behind-the-scenes influence and potential successors like Zhao and Li so far cannot match his wide support in the ranks of the party, armed forces and government bureaucracy.

A meeting with Deng is expected to be the key event in the visit by Mikhail Gorbachev to Peking widely forecast to take place in the first half of 1989.

Deng said nearly a year ago that he hoped to meet Gorbachev, who would be the first Soviet leader to visit Peking for 30 years, within two years, before failing health made summit talks impossible.

Protests greet choice of new Nigeria sultan

LAGOS (R) — Street protests broke out in the northern Nigerian city of Sokoto Sunday after the selection of a new spiritual leader for millions of Muslims, newspapers reported Monday.

Crowds chanting "banyo" meaning "we don't want" in the Hausa language, greeted the news that millionaire Ibrahim Dasuki had become the 18th Sultan of Sokoto, the government-owned New Nigerian and other leading dailies said in reports from the city.

Dasuki's appointment to the most revered traditional title for Nigerian Muslims, who say they account for about half the country's 100 million people, ended several days of confusion about the sultanate. But it was unclear Monday in Lagos, 1,000 kilometres to the south, whether order had been restored in Sokoto.

The local assistant commissioner of police told Reuters to contact the Sokoto state military governor's office.

"I am not in a position to comment," the senior policeman said in a telephone interview.

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Workers put finishing touch Saturday to a giant portrait of Lenin for display at Monday's Red Square parade.

Soviets celebrate revolution with traditional pomp, glory

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union celebrated the 71st anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution Monday, and the traditional display of tanks and missiles was attended by the ranking U.S. envoy in Moscow for the first time since the Soviets intervened in Afghanistan.

The Red Square demonstration took on less of a political character than in past years of higher international tension. Defence Minister Dmitri T. Yazov criticised Western defence policies in a short and comparatively mild speech, and banners displayed on the square had an almost exclusively domestic, economic character.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, dressed in a black fur hat and dark coat, and Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov led the Moscow-based members of the ruling Communist Party Politburo onto Lenin's mausoleum under bluster, leaden skies. A light snow was falling, and the temperature was just below freezing.

Gorbachev and Ryzhkov acknowledged the applause of the crowd alone at the centre of the reviewing stand. In contrast to previous years, the other members of the Politburo followed far behind them.

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The ads will feature reviewers' comments that a certain actor's work is deserving of Academy Award recognition. The champ in that department is Tom Hanks. The affable Hanks has been the subject of the biggest publicity blitz since last year's blast for Cher, who ended up with the best-actress Oscar for "Moonstruck."

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